(ख) विमानकंपनियां मार्ग आवंटन मार्गदर्शी सिद्धांतों के अनुपालन के अध्यधीन यातायात मांग तथा वाणिज्यिक व्यवहार्यता पर निर्भर करते हुए विशिष्ट स्थानों के लिए विमान सेवाएं मुहैया करती हैं।

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Helicopter service to Vaishnodevi

2907. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce helicopter service to Vaishnodevi in Jammu and kashmir;

(b) whether it will be from Jammu or Katra;

(c) by when this service is likely to be introduced; and

(d) whether such services are also proposed in other places, if so, the details of the same?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL) proposes to introduce helicopter service to Vaishnodevi in Jammu & Kashmir.

(b) There will be service to Vaishnodevi both from Jammu and Katra.

(c) The present helipad at Katra is under litigation, PHHL has approached High Court of Jammu and Kashmir for permission of its use. Meanwhile, alternate sites at Katra are also being surveyed. PHHL will start the services as soon as a helipad becomes available at Katra.

(d) A preliminary survey has been carried out for introduction of helicopeter services to Kedarnath/Badrinath.

Installaction of Airborne Collision Avoidance System

2908. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made Airborne Collision Avoidance System mandatory to be installed at all airports;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed system;

(c) whether Government have directed private airlines to install the system in their aircrafts within a stipulated period; and

(d) if so, the cost of the system and to what extent it will provide safety to aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) All aeroplanes with passenger seating capacity of more than 30 or a payload caacity of more than 3 tonnes, are required to install Airborne Collision Avoidance System (ACAS)-II on or before 31st December, 1998. Aersoplanes having passenger capacity of 10 to 30 or pay-load capacity of 1 to 3 tonnes are reqired to install ACAS-I on or before 31st December, 2003.

(d) The cost of the system varies with the vendor/manufacturer and the quantitites order. The approximate installation cost of ACAS-II would be US$ 60,000 (Sixty Thousand US dollars). The Airborne collision Avoidance System (ACAS) helps in preventing mid-air collisions by alerting the pilots as soon as two aircraft come dangerously close to each other. It gives visual and audio warnings, and also advises the crew of the corrective action required to be taken for preventing an impending mid-air collision.

Status of Tata-Singapore Airlines Alliance

2909. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the new aviation policy; and

(b) the position of the proposed Tata-Singapore Airlines alliance under the new avation policy?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) A comprehensive draft National Policy on Civil Aviation is under formulation.